

# Minutes of the RHIC/AGS Users' Group Executive Committee Meeting 10 January 2003

Present: D. Hofman, B. Johnson, R. Seto, S. White-DePace, P. Yamin (Secretary)

Telephone: J. Burwood-Hoy, V. Greene, S. Pate

Guests: P. Bond, T. Kirk, T. Ludlam

Richard Seto opened the meeting by saying that there is an effort underway in congress to double the funding for the DOE's Office of Science. Vicki Greene advocated using university lobbyists to secure greater funding. Richard Seto agreed to organize a "contact your congressman campaign" among the users and Jane Burward-Hoy emphasized that it's important to get people who are actually on shift to write.

Peter Bond will represent Brookhaven at a forthcoming Office of Science workshop, for which the agenda has not been set. Peter commented that similar previous workshops appeared to have no effect. Ray Orbach will introduce, but not attend, all sessions. Peter also commented that there is as yet no FY03 budget for the Lab and that the appointment of the new director is imminent.

ITD Chairman, Don Flemming, has left the Laboratory and Peter Bond has assumed his position on an interim basis. He said that he's working to improve the "atmosphere" in the division. Scott Bradley will replace Sue Sevan, who has retired, as ITD liaison to the UEC.

Tom Kirk warned that if no FY03 budget is passed and our funding remains on a continuing basis, the full RHIC schedule is in jeopardy. There was an inconclusive discussion about three scenarios: an omnibus funding bill; a "real" budget; and operation throughout FY03 under a continuing resolution.

Susan White-DePace explained some changes in site entry rules. Notably, all contractors and guests of on-site residents must now comply with the access requirements. Tom Kirk described the present system, largely a result of Susan's effort, to be a "huge success." Jane Burward-Hoy asked, "What happens at the gate?" Susan said that there had been inconsistent actions, but Tom emphasized that we cannot wink at violations.

There was a discussion about the advisability of hosting a RHIC/AGS Users' Group reception at future APS/DNP meetings. Richard Seto said that we had decided not to host such receptions, but Jane Burward-Hoy, Brant Johnson, and Steve Kettell disagreed with this policy. It was decided to host a reception at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1300.